

the two older ones did attend some Peyoté meetings and they remember some of these things. And some of the things that I know that were said in the home of my mother-in-law, I remember these things, and I have a lot of faith in things that I observe and know, and I respect these ideals. And I still believe, believing, and would like to participate even further myself. And since, though being a Catholic, we have our Catholic religion that we participate in. But also we do respect the Indian religion.

(Mrs. Barnes do you understand Osage language any at all?)

Very little.

(I understand that your husband has an elderly aunt, and I know she speaks Indian more than she does English and do you and the children understand her most of the time?)

No. My children nor I understand her hardly at all. However, my husband understands well, quite bluntly, but he does not speak Osage, but he understands very well.

OSAGE TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

(Do you think that we should encourage our children more today than we, - they did a few years ago?)

Yes. I feel that they should be encouraged and pushed into participating in Indian customs more so today than they were in the past because there these things were more plentiful, say in our childhood even and I think that they were more or less taken for granted, that the children our age would understand and would just naturally carry them on. But I think that's where the failure was begun because most of the children of, say my age, have married, intermarried we'd say, and have not married into their tribes or other Indians. They have married outside the Indian race, and this was the start of the loss of their customs. And now there's - they participate, but they really don't know the meaning or they are really not able to carry